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equipment (IP Code)**

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PREFACE

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This edition retains the basic principle of the two-numeral code. In general, equipment complying with the 1986 edition for a particular IP code would comply with this edition for the same IP code.

This edition differs considerably from the 1986 edition. In particular, the previous second characteristic numeral 6D, Protected against driving rain, has been discarded, and provision is made for the IP Code to be optionally extended by an additional letter A, B, C, or D (after the second characteristic numeral) where the protection of persons against access to hazardous parts is higher than that indicated by the first characteristic numeral, or where the first characteristic numeral is unspecified. Details of differences between this edition and the 1986 edition are given in Australian Appendix A.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables and figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

For the purposes of this Australian Standard, the IEC text should be modified as follows:

- (i) Substitute a full point for a comma as a decimal marker.
- (ii) In the footnote (page 16) to Clause 8 and in Annex B, substitute the 'Executive Officer of Standards Australia Committee EL/26' for the 'Secretariat of Technical Committee No. 70'.
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<i>Reference to International Standard</i>		<i>Australian Standard</i>	
IEC		AS	
50	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)	1852	International electrotechnical vocabulary
50(826)	Chapter 826: Electrical installations of buildings	1852(826)	Electrical installations of buildings
68	Environmental testing	1099	Base environmental testing procedures for electrotechnology
68-1	Part 1: General and guidance	1099.1	Part 1: General
71	Insulation co-ordination	1824	Insulation co-ordination (phase-to-earth and phase-to-phase, above 1 kV)
71-2	Part 2: Application guide	1824.2	Part 2: Application guide
536	Classification of electrical and electronic equipment with regard to protection against electric shock		(no equivalent)

For first characteristic numerals 5 and 6 relating to the ingress of dust, it should be noted that compliance is also required with all lower degrees of protection (first numerals 4, 3, 2, 1). While this may not be clear from Tables II and VII, it is specifically mentioned in Clause 5 (Paragraph 3).

Attention is drawn to the publication of two Supplements to this Standard, AS 1939 Supplements 1 and 2, being A3-size wall charts. *Wall chart 1* displays in text and diagrams the dual protection indicated by first characteristic numerals and the protection against ingress of water indicated by second characteristic numerals. *Wall chart 2* displays the various combinations of first characteristic numeral and additional letter; it also depicts basic details of access and object probes. Wall charts are intended as aids to the reading of this Standard.

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